

## **Historic, Archive Document**

**Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.**



2.43

LIBRARY  
RECEIVED  
U. S. Department of Agriculture

SEED CATALOG & GREETINGS

For the season of 1919



1813

HAROLD KEAYS SEED CO.

Elk River, Minnesota.

## NOTICE

All seeds and plants shown in this catalog will be sent prepaid at these prices.

Yours for a good happy, prosperous year.

Harold Keays Seed Co.

## KEAYSES NORTHERN GROWN SEEDS

All the seeds we offer for sale have been tested and found to be perfectly all right.

Many of these seeds we have grown right here ourselves, and the rest we buy of the most reliable growers we can find.

### ASPARAGUS

Every garden should have a row of asparagus. Plant the seed one inch deep in a row that has been spaded or worked up deep and fine. Sow the seed very thin in the row

Every fall before the ground freezes pile about four inches of well rotted manure along on the row, and in the spring rake it down smooth again. Pkg. 5 cts. per ounce 10 cents

### BEANS

**KENTUCKY WONDER** This is a pole bean and will need some kind of a support four or five feet high. But it is one of the best beans grown for green snap beans or shelled. It is a great yealder and keeps green a long time.

**GOLDEN WAX** Has bright yellow pods and is a good yealder.

**WHITE NAVY** The best field bean for all kinds of soils.

All beans are 5 cents a pkg. 35 cents a pound

### BEETS

**EARLY BLOOD TURNIP** A medium size. round early beet

**MINNESOTA SUGAR BEET** This is the kind used for makeing sugar and syrup and are splendid for feeding. oz. 15cts. lb. \$1.00



## BROOM CORN

EVERGREEN- Plant a short row of this some place along your corn field and make your own barn and shed brooms. pkg 5cts.

## CABBAGE

EARLY JERSEY WAKEFIELD- This is the surest heading early cabbage we have found for all kinds of soil and climate.

LATE SUREHEAD- Large flat heads, and a good yealder.  
Per package 5 cents per ounce 75 cents

## GAULEFLOWER

EARLY SNOWBALL- The best for all purposes. Pkg 5 cts.

## CARROT

CHANTENAY- A splendid, smooth long variety medium early

OXHEART- A short, stump root early variety, per pkt. 5c. oz. 15c.

## CELLERY

WHITE PLUME- Very tender, delicate flavor. Pkt 5 cts. oz. 40c.

## CUCUMBER

CHICAGO PICKLE- A short, very early pickling sort.

WHITE SPINE- Medium long slicer good for market pkt 5c. oz 15.

## SWEET CORN

EARLY MINNESOTA- A large, early very sweet variety.

GOLDEN BANTEM. Bright golden color, very tender and sweet. The best early sweet corn grown. Oz. 5cts. lb. 25cts.

POPCORN White Rice' good large ears with pointed kernels.

Corn for popping should be husked out as soon as ripe and hung on drying racks in a warm dry place and dried as rapidly as possibly, Popcorn is the same price as sweetcorn.

## DILL

Every one likes dill pickles so you should plant a package and raise some of your own. Per packet 5 cents per oz. 20c.

## LETTUCE

EARLY FORCING- A very early and crisp variety.

BLACK SEEDED SIMPSON. Large loose heads and very tender.

PRIZE HEAD- Redish brown leaves. A very fine variety.

BIG BOSTON- Large heads and a good shipper.

Price 5 cents a package 15 cents an ounce.

## MUSKMELONS

EARLY NETTED OSAGE- Has a thick yellow flesh.

ROCKY FORD- A splendid early mellon of finest quality.

BURRELL'S GEM- A large pink meated mellon. Very fine.

## WATERMELON

KLECKLEY SWEET- Large oblong, dark green, very sweet.

PHINNEY'S EARLY- Very early, medium size, striped.

All melon seed is 5 cents a package 15 cents an ounce

## ONIONS

RED GLOBE- Large dark red, a fine keeper and a heavy yealder

YELLOW GLOBE- A very mild onion, medium size good keeper

We grow our onion seed under a special system, so it is the

best that can be had. Pkt. 5cts. per ounce 30cts. lb. \$3.00

## ONION SETS

RED & YELLOW Bottom sets. All sound and good 25c. lb

The following flower seeds have all been carefully tested and are fresh and pure, and we grew most of them ourselves, so we know what they are.

All seeds are five cents a package.

We will always include some free seeds as a premium with each order we send out.

## FLOWER SEEDS

ASTERS. Giant Comet All colors mixed Fine for cut flowers.

.. Keay's Giant branching. All colors mixed.

AGERATUM- Good for bordering. Blue and white mixed

ABUTILON- Or flowering maple. finest mixed.

ALYSSUM Sweet white flowers, very sweet scented.

BALSAM- Camellia flowered, all colors mixed.

CALIFORNIA POPPY- Light and dark yellow mixed.

CALLOPSIS- Or painted tongue All colors mixed.

CANARY BIRD VINE- Has bright yellow flowers resembling a bird

CANDYTUFT One of the old time flowers. Like by all Mixed.

CARNATION- A well known flower of easy culture, Margueretes

COSMOS- Giant flowering mixed colors No garden complete without

COLUMBINE- A beautiful perennial. when once planted lasts for years

CYPRESS- A plant resembling a small evergreen, turns red at frost

DAISY Double all colors mixed.

DAISY Golden Fleece, A bright yellow' and very showy.

DIANTHUS Or pinks An old time flower from Grandmothers garden

FORGET ME NOTS Another of those dear old time reminders.

FOUR O CLOCK Large flowered, free blooming mixed.

GOURDS Ornamental. fine for covering old fences. all kinds mixed



**HELIOTROPE** Very sweet scented. Mammoth Flowering. Mixed.  
**HOLLYHOCK** A Perennial will bloom the second year. Choice Mixed  
**LARKSPUR** A Free blooming Annual, A choice mixture of all colors.  
**LOBELIA** Beautiful annuals for hanging baskets, and border Mixed.  
**MIGNONETTE** A well known fragrant flower, of easy culture.  
**MORNING GLORY** A rapid growing vine of easy culture. Mixed.  
**NASTURTIUM** Climbing, Large flowering. Mixed.  
**NASTURTIUM** Tom Thumb, Dwarf, or Bedding Varieties. Mixed.  
**PANSIES** Giant Mastodons A wonderful collection of colors.  
**PETUNIAS** Large flowering. Finest Mixture of ruffled and frilled.  
**PHLOX** Drummondii or annual phlox Finest colors mixed.  
**POPPY** Single or Shirley poppies, All of the finest colors mixed.  
 . . . Large, Double, Red Very showy and fine.  
**PORTULACA** or Moss Rose. A creeping plant. Very showy Mixed  
**PAINTED TONGUE** Splendid for cut flowers. Many beautiful colors.  
**SNAP DRAGON** Fine for cut flowers. Lasts well in water. Mixed.  
**SWEET WILLIAM** A fine old flower. All colors mixed.  
**SWEET PEAS** We have a fine mixture of the large, early sorts.  
**VERBENAS** A low growing plant, Very showy and fragrant Mixed.  
**ZINNIAS** Great for its lasting qualities. Very showy. Mixed.

**ALL SEEDS ARE FIVE CENTS A PACKAGE.**

Sweet Peas are Fifty cents an ounce, Nasturtiums are twenty five,

## PLANTS

We grow thousands of vegetable and flower plants every year. They are started early, in the Greenhouse, and as soon as it is warm enough we transplant them again into Cold frames, where they are cool grown and hardened off ready to plant out.

These prices are for plants by mail prepaid.

**TOMATOES.** Earliana. Ponderosa, Dwarf Champion Golden Queen and Yellow Pear. Per Dozen 20 cents.

**CABBAGE-** Early Jersey Wakefield and Late Surehead 15cts. doz.

**CAULEFLOWER-** Early Snowball. per Dozen 25 cents.

**CELERY-** White Plume. Per Dozen 20 cents.

The following plants are 15 cents a dozen.

**PEPPERS-** Ruby King.

**ZINNIAS-** Giant flowering

The following plants are 20 cents per dozen.

**PANSIES-** Giant Mactodon Finest mixture of colors. Nice large plants

**ASTERS-** Giant Comet and Keay's Branching. All colors mixed.

**VERBENAS-** Finest mixture of colors.

**CARNATIONS-** These are the Marguerets. And all colors mixed.

## EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES

We have a few hundred Progressive Everbearing Strawberry plants which we will sell at 2 cents each as long as they last. These plants bear steady from June untill the ground freezes up. A drouth is the only thing that will stop them.

should be put into something. If you never raised a garden before, just try a small one this year and see how easy it will be to help out your table supply.

You will find complete directions on the back of each package, or there will be a leaflet sent with the seeds.

These little catalogues are all hand made—not the great showy ones you generally see, but it is seeds we have to sell and not catalogues. By doing this we keep down expenses and are going to give you better and more seeds for the money.

Our little girl, Lillian, thirteen years old, has handpainted the covers, Albin, eleven years old, has folded and fitted them and the most important member of our company, Mrs. Keays, does the housework and cooks for us all and works in the little greenhouse, so you see we all work together raising seeds, cleaning them and getting them to you in good shape.

We wanted to get some illustrations in the catalogue but did not get it done, but if we find lots of new friends this year we hope to give you a nicer one next year with lots of pictures in it.

If there are any questions you want to ask about growing things, just ask away; send a stamp for reply and we will try to help you out.

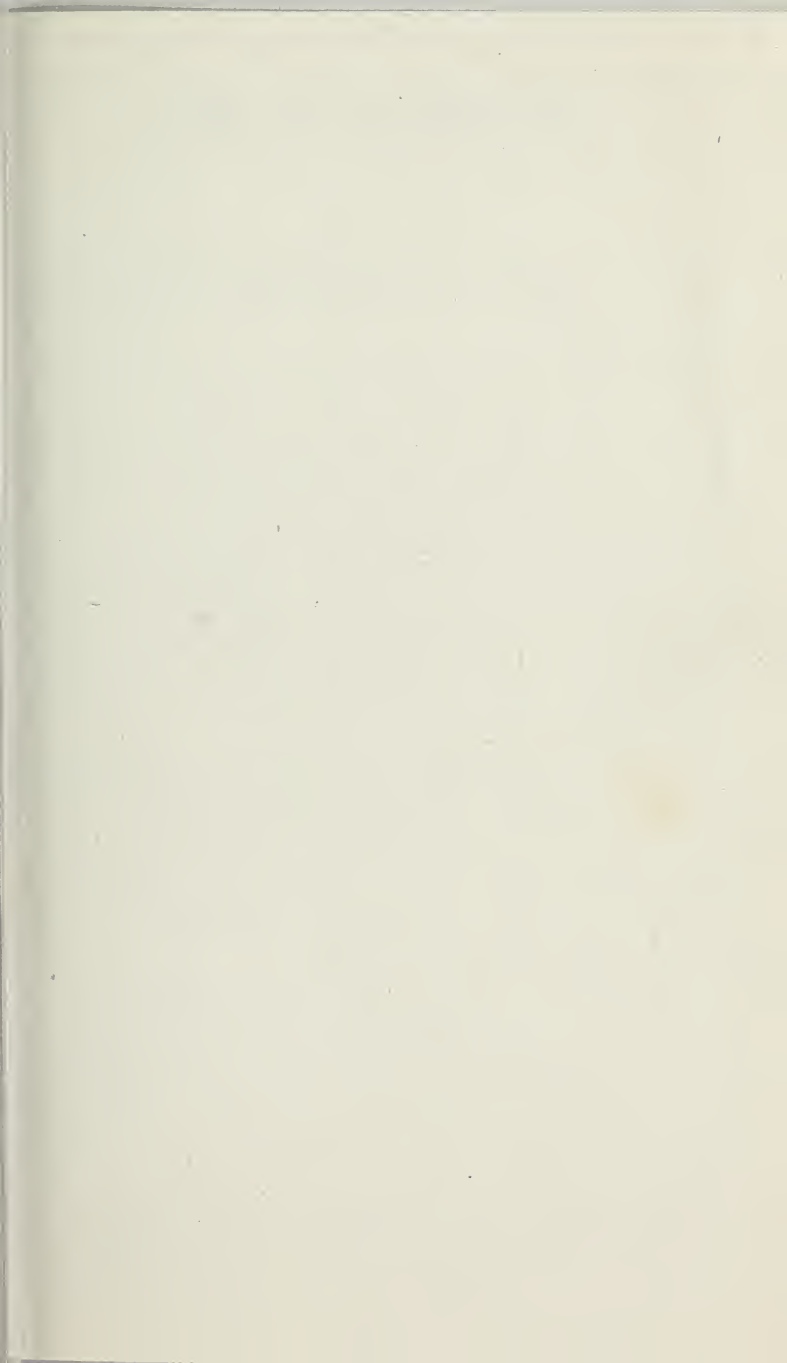
We have been farming and gardening for years and were always experimenting to find the best ways of doing things, so we believe we can help you.

Hoping you will send us a trial order and that the coming season will be a very successful one in every way and that everyone will do his or her part to make it the best one we ever had, I remain,

Yours for peace, happiness and prosperity,

HAROLD C. KEAYS, Elk River, Minn.





# Greetings to All

---

Well, the great war is over at last and we are all glad of it. But now we must all take hold and help build up again.

There will surely be great famines over in Europe unless the United States sends enormous quantities of food over there, and that will lessen our supply here; so all kinds of fruits and vegetables will surely be greatly needed this coming season.

Another great thing has happened and that is that the drink curse has been swept from our country. Won't this be a fine country to live in now? Just think of it—a country with no saloons in it. When we get them replaced with fine churches and schools, what a grand change it will be!

We have been raising garden seeds for many years and selling them to the stores and neighbors around us, but we have been thinking probably we have many friends scattered all over the United States who would like to buy our seeds. So if we can only get acquainted we could sell to you just as well as we can right here to the stores.

Our motto is: "More seeds for your money," and to sell seeds by the package just as cheap as by the ounce. So you will find more seeds in our packages than are usually found. We also only charge five cents a package while others charge ten and fifteen cents.

This is going to be a year when we will need all the garden stuff we can grow. Every foot of land



